THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) to (e) Municipal Corporation of Delhi has informed that CT Scan machines installed in their two hospitals are out of order and no enquiry has been conducted in this regard. Municipal Corporation of Delhi had asked/requested the manufacturers of machines to get the machines repaired. The manufacturers informed Municipal Corporation of Delhi that it was not advisable to get these machines repaired, as the repair was not economical.

Transportation of Cattle

2655. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that there is a huge transportation of cattle from Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Maharashtra and Tamil Nadu to Kerala;

(b) if so, the purpose of this transportation;

(c) whether this transportation violates any existing rules; and

(d) if so, the steps taken to control the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) to (d) No, Sir. The Government has no information of transportation of cattle from Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Maharashtra and Tamil Nadu to Kerala. However, there are transportation rules ensuring proper care of animals while they are on transit.

Primary Health Facilities in Ganjam District of Orissa

2656. DR. M.N. DAS: Will the Miniser of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of villages in the Ganjam district of Orissa which are lacking primary health facilities; and

(b) the steps Government propose for providing primary health facilities to these villages?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND

FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA):(a) and (b) Primary Health Care Services are provided in the rural areas through a 3 tier system of Sub_centres, primary health Centres & Community health Certres. In Distt. Ganjam (Orissa), there are 424 Sub-centres, 96 Primary Health Centres (PHCs) & 11 Community Health Centres (CHCs). As per norms, a Sub-centre is expected to provide services to 5000 population in plan areas and 3000 in difficult areas, a Primary Health Centre to a population of 30,000 in plains & 20,000 in difficult areas and a Community Health Centre to 80,000-1,20,000 population. Thus, as per these norms, against the 1991 census figures, there is a shortfall of 576 Sub-centres, 54 PHCs and 27 CHCs in Ganjam Distt. Government of Orissa has been requested to make up this shortfall during the Tenth Plan. Central Government is also providing assistance for strengthening the health infrastructure under various scheme such as Prime Minister's Gramodaya Yojana, Externally aided projects, Empowered Action Group, Reproductive & Child Health Programme etc.

Shortage of medicines in CGHS dispensaries

2657. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether his attention has been drawn to the news-item regarding acute shortage of medicines in CGHS dispensaries in the country which appeared in the 'Navbharat Times', dated 11th July, 2002;

(b) if so, his reaction thereto;

(c) whether it is a fact that no medicines have been purchased for distribution to the beneficiaries of CGHS dispensaries during the current financial year; and

(d) if so, the details in this regard and the steps taken to meet the shortage of medicines in the CGHS dispensaries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The news item mentions about the functioning of CGHS dispensaries *viz.*, shortage of staff and medicines, partial strike by para-medical staff, discrimination between VIP and non-VIP dispensaries, visiting specialists writing prescription liberally for local purchase in VIP